

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

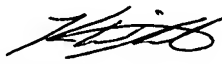
This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, and within the three-month period for reply extending to May 10, 2006. Claims 1-22, and 52 are cancelled. Claims 23-51 remain pending in the application after entry of this Amendment.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse the specie of Group I, to prosecute in the subject patent application. The Applicants consider pending claims 23-51 to be readable on the elected specie of Group I. Claim 52 is the only claim pending prior to the outstanding restriction requirement that reads on the specie of Group II, wherein the radiant energy source is disposed below the wafer support structure. Therefore, claim 52 is cancelled in the present Amendment.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (23-51) are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6914. Also, if any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P458). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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